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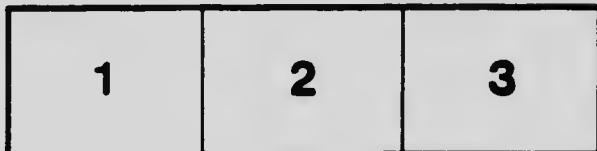
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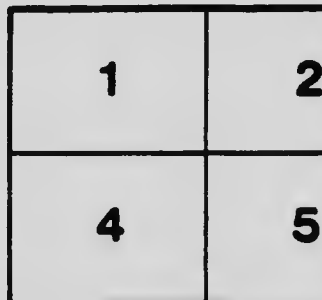
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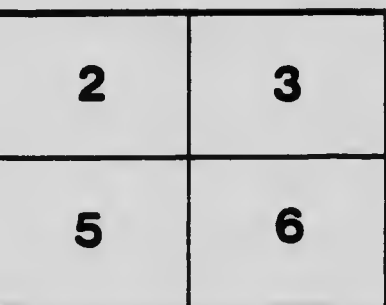
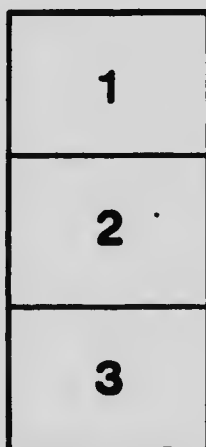
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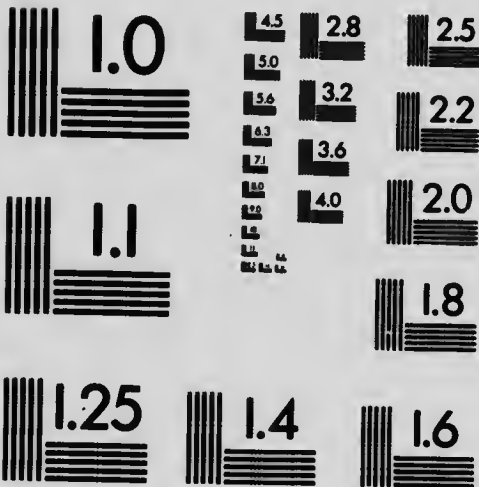
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This Society seeks to save Canada for Christian civilization. It is the Canadian expression of an international movement to bring "Peace on Earth"

1. War is the survival of the brute in the savage; of the savage in the civilized man. Militarism to-day is the negation of Christian civilization. It is based on what once may have been true but now is false,— "My neighbor is my enemy."

2. The consequences of war are disastrous to civilization. It destroys commerce. It demoralizes the spirit of the people. It injures the victor scarcely less than the conquered.

3. These vast preparations for war tend to make war. They create a profession in which the only chance of glory and promotion is war: while millions of us are reduced to mechanical automotons, whose only business is to be manipulated as a part of a colossal machine, scientifically designed for destruction of property and slaughter of men.

4. The rest of the common people are crushed with ever-increasing burdens of taxation—robbed of the result of their toil—for immense and ever-growing armaments of destruction to slaughter their brother workers who have done them no harm, with whom they have no sort of a quarrel.

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5. But worse still, such a vast—and ever vaster—proportion of the income of nations is spent on war even in times of peace, that there are no funds to carry out reforms and steps of progress in industrial, sanitary, educational and other phases of civilization, now called for by the advance of knowledge and scientific possibilities. One shot from one of a thousand guns costs more than the salary of a skilled teacher for one year! What if the amounts spent in war—and preparation for war—were turned into avenues that would benefit the people?

6. Militarism to-day is making a strenuous effort to win the world, as if conscious that its days are numbered. The men interested in its development know that when the people become conscious of the facts and of their own power war will cease.

7. Whatever good purpose war may have served in the past, it is now unnecessary and can only work harm. Competition is taking peaceful forms and is gradually passing into co-operation. Private and tribal war has gone; international war must go. National and international co-operation must be won. Upward evolution must not now be turned back to degeneration.

8. Peace is now the goal. The Nations are coming to know one another. There are ever-increasing facilities for free intercourse. The most of international difficulties are already being settled by friendly diplomacy or arbitration. All will be when the peoples systematically cultivate Peace.

9. The cry of imperial danger and the frenzy worked up to militarize the Dominion of Canada and other self governing units of the Empire, reserved to lead the world into an era of peace, is a colossal folly—a crime of crimes.

Canada's Part is Unique.

(1) Canada is the least war-cursed of all the nations. For a hundred years she has had no war. She has no burdensome national debt incurred by war. She has no heavy pension list. There are no mutual prejudices between her and other peoples, such as war always creates.

(2) Canada must stand immoveable against being degraded into a militarized dependency. She must develop as an autonomous unit, in control of her own destiny, loyal to the Empire. But the Empire must be loyal to the stupendous possibilities of this land in this Era of peaceful world-advance.

(3) Canada should, therefore, lead in a policy of Peace by every honorable means. Whatever her ultimate duty may be in the defence of the Empire, she must not give way to panic, nor pledge her support to Great Britain in every war, regardless of its justification.

(4) The loyalty of Canada and other "Dominions over-sea" is simply unquestioned. Men and money would be lavishly given if really needed for defence, or for a cause which Canada deemed right. Ignorance and designing men inflame that spirit to swell the forces of a militarized, militarized Empire. Or, intelligence and goodwill, considerate of other races, may awaken the apathetic forces of righteousness, progress and creative civilization, and thus help to develop a Christianized Empire, to lead all nations in peaceful evolution towards "the federation of the world."

(5) If Canada chooses the first, it means in a few years the expenditure of thousands of millions of dollars, the sacrifice of her sons, untold woe to her homes, a history marred for ages. If the second, half a million, a tenth of a million dollars—the fraction of the price of one cruiser—spent now in missionary work for international peace and goodwill, would, with other forces at work, do much to cement the whole world in a league of perpetual peace. A new Era would begin.

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The Need of Men and Money.



Peace is practicable, but it will not come without earnest effort on the part of those who believe in its possibility.

The fomenters of War are outspoken and active. The lovers of Peace must be no less so.

There is a large body of unspoken conviction among the statesmen, jurists, preachers, teachers, business men, professional men and labor organizations of this country on the side of Peace.

Is not this the time for such conviction to find expression, and what better organ for its expression could be created than an active, persistent, intelligent Peace Society?

The workers for peace are helpless without money. The militarizers have endless resources to effect their purpose. Churches now lavish money to extend their borders over the sea. Shall not the lovers of Peace loosen their purse strings at last for a positive propaganda to preserve Canada from this horror? Give her a chance to fulfil her high destiny, and to work with others to save the Empire and the world from "men who delight in war."

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